

M I N U T E S

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 1977

The County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Phinney. Opening prayer by Mr. Crain. The only Councilman absent was Mr. Herring.

Mr. Bailes motion to accept minutes of the June 7th meeting as printed was seconded by Mr. Frady and unaminiously carried.

Mr. Bailes moved to adopt Hospital Bond Ordinance #77-4 on 3rd reading. Mr. Thomas seconded and the vote was 4 yes (Bailes, Thomas, Ables and Frady) and 3 no (Moore, Crain and Cox.)

It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Ables, and carried to adopt on 2nd reading Ordinance 77-5 Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Chicago Pnuematic Tool Company. All votes were in favor.

Flood Damage Ordinance 77-8 was adopted on 1st reading by a motion from Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Moore , and unaminiously carried.

The Chairman called for a recess for a public hearing on Budget Ordinance and use of Revenue Sharing funds. There were no questions from the audience, however, Mr. Bailes briefly reviewed the budget and explained revenue funds were allotted to capital expenditures in road paving and library construction.

After the meeting was called back to order Mr. Bailes moved to adopt Budget Ordinance 77-6 on 1st reading without it being read in detail. Mr. Ables seconded. Mr. Thomas then moved to amend the budget to include a 5% increase for all department heads and employees who received no raise stating he did not believe in two sets of standards for county employees. The funds to cover this are to be taken from the account set aside for merit raises. It was pointed out, however, that the Supervisor and County Council Members would not be included in the raise and that State paid employees would get the state raise or the 5% which ever is greater. The vote on this amendment was 7 yes 0 no. Mr. Moore then moved to delete the County Engineer from the budget, Mr. Cox seconded - the motion was defeated by a vote of 2 for (Moore and Cox) and 5 against (Bailes, Crain, Frady, Thomas and Ables. The vote on acceptance of Budget Ordinance 77-6 on 1st reading was 7 for and 0 against.

Mr. Thomas stated he desired Council to go on record as being disappointed that the City of Westminster did not receive any public works funds. Budget Director Lay stated he had been informed it was due to a quirk in the computer and adjustments would be made.

County Attorney Fedder presented to Council two deeds for the sale of the following property by the School Board:

1. Sale of one 3 acre track to Tugaloo Baptist Church for \$200.00
2. Sale of 3/4 acre across the Ravenel School property for \$1,000.00

Mr. Thomas moved to authorize this transaction. Mr. Ables seconded the motion and it was unaminiously passed.

Mr. Cox suggested the food stamp office in Seneca be relocated to a space on the ground level to accomodate the elderly citizens; there would be no increase in rent. Council Members agreed.

Mr. Lay announced the County is to receive a \$30,000.00 grant for regulatory road signs. The County will have to furnish the labor to erect the signs. He also announced that some 8 additional manpower jobs for two priorities, submitted by the Supervisor, had been approved.

Council concurred in endorsing their support of the Regional OEDP Plan. Mr. Ables made the motion, Mr. Thomas seconded, and it was carried.

County Attorney Fedder requested Council to go into executive session for a update on present litigation proceedings and Mr. Bailes so moved. Mr. Ables seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.